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Proposed Information Collection (Monthly Statement of Wages Paid to Trainee) Activity:

Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans

Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed

collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

(PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register

concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension

of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to

the notice. This notice solicits comment on information needed to determine the correct

rate of subsistence allowance and wages payable to a trainee in an approved on-the-job

training or apprenticeship program.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of

information should be received on or before [Insert date 60 days after date of

publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through

Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or to Nancy J.

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Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0368" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or FAX (202) 632-8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 – 3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

<u>Title</u>: Monthly Statement of Wages Paid to Trainee (Chapter 31, Title 38, U.S.C.), VA Form 28-1917.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0368.

<u>Type of Review</u>: Extension of a currently approved collection.

<u>Abstract</u>: Employers providing on-job or apprenticeship training to veterans complete VA Form 28–1917 to report each veteran's wages during the preceding month. VA uses the information to determine whether the veteran is receiving the appropriate wage increase and correct rate of subsistence allowance.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,800 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

<u>Frequency of Response</u>: Monthly.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

DATED: September 29, 2014

By direction of the Secretary:

Crystal Rennie, Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs

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